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#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF QUESTAR GAS COMPANY TO MAKE TARIFF MODIFICATIONS TO THE THERMWISE BUILDER REBATES PROGRAM Docket No. 13-057-14

## APPLICATION TO MAKE TARIFF MODIFICATIONS

### **I.** Introduction

1. Questar Gas Company (Questar Gas or the Company) respectfully submits this Application to the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) to make Modifications to the ThermWise® Builder Rebates Program section (2.11) of the Tariff. The Company submits this Application in order to implement the rebate credit component of the ThermWise® Builder Rebates Program.

# II. Background

2. In Docket No. 13-057-14, the Company sought approval for the 2014 Year Budget for Energy Efficiency Programs and Market Transformation Initiative. As part of its 2014 Energy Efficiency Programs and Market Transformation Initiative, the Company

proposed to implement a new rebate method for certain measures in the Builder Rebates Program. The intent of the new rebate method was to provide builders with a rebate in the form of a credit (rather than in the form of a check) in order to offset up-front costs for meter and service line contributions. The Company proposed to offer the credit for qualifying furnaces (92%, 95%, and 95% or 98% AFUE with ECM) and storage water heating measures. The Commission approved the 2014 Year Budget for Energy Efficiency Programs and Market Transformation Initiative (Order January 2, 2014) as well as the builder rebate credit component. However, the Commission ordered the Company to wait to propose tariff language related to the rebate credit until they were ready to implement that component of the Builder Rebates Program.

- 3. In addition to the tariff modification, the Company proposes to include the 2 x 6 (R-20 insulation value) walls along with furnaces as rebate credit eligible measures. This inclusion is proposed in order for the Company to use the United States Department of Energy's REScheck software for verification of rebate credit qualifying equipment. Completion of REScheck paperwork is required to be submitted for every newly constructed home throughout the United States. REScheck paperwork identifies the efficiency of furnaces installed as well as the wall cavity insulation/R-value. The Company will require a copy of the REScheck paperwork before a rebate credit will be applied against a home's service line and meter charges.
- 4. Attached as QGC Exhibit 1 are the tariff sheets in legislative and final format reflecting the proposed tariff changes.

### **III. Tariff Modifications**

5. The Company seeks approval to modify Sections 2.11 of its tariff in compliance with the Commission's Order that the Company file the necessary rebate credit tariff language after they are ready to implement and at least thirty (30) days prior to implementation.

## IV. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

6. Questar Gas respectfully requests that the Commission approve the attached tariff sheets, and authorize Questar Gas to implement the proposed tariff changes effective October 8, 2014.

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Respectfully submitted,

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